

May 2, 1980
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1979-KK Winter 1901 only, by player request

AUSTRIA (Pete Fuchs) Build A VIE; has F ALB, As SER, TRI, VIE.

ENGLAND (Bob Albrecht) Build F EDI, A LON; has Fs NTH, NWY, EDI, As BEL, LON.

FRANCE (Dave Weatherhead) Build A BRE, A PAR; has F POR, As BUR, SPA, BRE, PAR.

GERMANY (Trevor Baillie) Build F KIE, A MUN; has Fs DEN, KIE, As HOL, RUH, MUN.

ITALY (Robert Acheson) Build F NAP; has Fs TUN, NAP, As VEN, BOH.

RUSSIA (Dave Rue) Build F STP(sc), F SEV, A WAR; has Fs SWE, BUL(ec), STP(sc), SEV, As RUM, GAL, WAR.

TURKEY (Pete Ashley) Build F ANK; has Fs AEG, ANK, A CON.

PRESS LONDON-PARIS: Repel the beastly hun, and be a hero of the realm.

Spring 1902 orders are due June 6th.

1979-IH Fall 1903 FOURTH TO FIRST FOR FRANCE, FAST!

AUSTRIA (Ron Kelly?) NMR; A ALB holds.

ENGLAND (Doug Karnes) A RUH S FRENCH A Bur-MUN, A HOL-KIE, F HEL S A HOL-KIE, F Nth-SKA, F NWY-Swe, F DEN S F NWY-Swe, F IRI holds.

FRANCE (Gerry van Alkemade) A Tus-ROM, F NAP S A Tus-ROM, F TUN holds, F Wes-LYO, A Bur-MUN.

CHEESECAKE

GERMANY (Randolph Smyth) A KIE S RUSSIAN F BAL-Den, A BER S A KIE, A Mun-Ruh (dislodged, may retreat to Boh or OTB).

ITALY (Bob Albrecht) A Ven-TRI, A TYO S A Ven-TRI, F ADR S A Ven-TRI.

RUSSIA (John Kelley) A Tri S TURKISH A Gre-Alb (NSO and annihilated), A VIE S A Tri, A Rum-BUD, F SEV holds, A Pru-SIL, F STP(sc)-BOT, F BAL-Den, F SWE S F BAL-Den.

TURKEY (Bob Kluge) A Gre-BUL, F Aeg-GRE, A SER S F Aeg-GRE, F Con-AEG, A Ank-CON, F Eas-ION.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUSTRIA (1): VEN - lost Tri - even.

ENGLAND (7): Home, NWY, BEL, HOL, DEN - even.

FRANCE (9): Home, POR, SPA, NAP, TUN, MUN, ROM - took NAP, TUN, MUN, ROM - may build three and will be one short.

GERMANY (2): BER, KIE - lost Mun - must remove one.

ITALY (1): TRI - lost Rom, Nap, Tun; took TRI - must remove two.

RUSSIA (8): Home, SWE, VIE, RUM, BUD - even, but may build one.

TURKEY (6): Home, BUL, GRE, SER - even.

PRESS VENICE-ALL: The lights are going out all over Europe, and I fear we will not see them relit in our lifetimes.

VENICE-WATER RAT: I vote yes on proposal to concede to Crete.

PARIS: The French President announces another imminent absence from la Ville Lumiere, as he is about to venture out into the Middle East again. This ungrammatical sentence means that G.V.A. will be out of the country May 21-June 23. Conditional orders - covering every mathematically possible condition - for Winter and Spring 1904 have been lodged with the GM.

WATER RAT-PARIS: At \$16.50 a night, breakfast not included.

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The concession to Crete was vetoed by Iceland, in retaliation for '77-AI in issue #6. Actually, none of you vetoed the concession, but if you really want to end a game with no winner, I'll need a seriously worded proposal.

The lucky devil who gets to standby for Austria is Dave Weatherhead (386 Browndale Cres., Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 3J4).

The German retreat, Winter '03 and Spring '04 orders are due June 6th.

1977-AI Fall 1908

AUSTRIA (Pete Keltch) A Ukr-Sev, A Mos S A Ukr-Sev, A Bul-Rum, A Boh-Tyo, A Vie S A Boh-Tyo, A Bud-Tri, A Ser S A Bud-Tri, F Alb S A Bud-Tri, F Gre-Ion, A Con holds, A Smy holds.

ENGLAND (Francois Cuerrier) F Hel-Kie, F Bal S F Hel-Kie, F Den S F Hel-Kie, F Hol S F Hel-Kie, F Bel S F Hol, F Nth S F Bel, F Eng-Bre, F Nwy holds.

FRANCE (Doug Karnes) A Gas-Bre, A Bur-Gas.

GERMANY (Randolph Smyth) F Ber-Kie, A Ruh S F Ber-Kie, A Mun S AUSTRIAN A Boh-Tyo.

ITALY (Ron Kelly) F Eas-Aeg, F Ion S F Eas-Aeg, F Adr S F Ion, A Tyo S A Ven (dislodged, may retreat to Pie or OTB), A Ven S A Tyo, F Mar S A Spa, A Spa S F Mar.

RUSSIA (Tom Kissner) A StP holds.

TURKEY (Eric Verheiden) F Sev-Rum (dislodged, may retreat Arm, Bla, OTB).

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUSTRIA (12): Home plus Turkey plus Ser, War, Sev, Bul, Mos, Gre - even, but may build one left over from last year.

ENGLAND (9): Home, Nwy, Swe, Den, Hol, Bel, Kie - took Kie - may build one.

FRANCE (2): Par, Bre - even.

GERMANY (2): Ber, Mun - lost Kie - remove one.

ITALY (7): Home, Spa, Tun, Mar, Por - even.

RUSSIA (1): StP - even.

TURKEY (1): Rum - even.

PRESS (No dateline): We now begin a series on Great Austrians for the education of our readers. Count Edward von Taaffe, 1833-1895, Viscount of Austria, Baron of Ballymote in the Peerage of Ireland, Premier and Minister of the Interior, 1868-1870, 1879-1893. "Count Taaffe made good use of his ancestry. A descendant of Irish peers who had settled in Austria after the Thirty Years War, His Excellency was Cork County handsome, with a dark, softly curling mustache. He parlayed blarney, Gemutlichkeit and elegance into a political infallibility which kept him at the right hand of the throne longer than any other Prime Minister during Franz Joseph's long reign. Armed with adroit ideas, unencumbered by ideals, he cheated the inevitable, crises in, crises out, for fourteen years. Clericals liked him for his industrious churchgoing. Anti-clericals were disarmed by his statements against the Vatican concordat. His federalist leanings appeased Czechs and Poles, while German liberals liked his asides that personally and emotionally he was really one of them. Anti-Semites sometimes detected a sympathizer in him when he spoke out against "foreign capitalists." But Jews did not worry: Wasn't His Excellency's chief counselor named Blumenstock?

Nobody could worry effectively in Count Taaffe's presence. With a bit of light-hearted manipulation here, a touch of jovial chicanery there, he not only reconciled irreconcilables but spun out of them a parliamentary majority: Catholic politicians, Slav nationalists, aristocrats, and even a smattering of liberals. His fine tuned ambiguities, his opaque showmanship enabled the Emperor to remain sober, straight

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and immaculate. Bravo, Count Taaffe! He rode the steeplechase, jumped the moats, leaped barriers while blowing smoke rings and lifting his derby to the ladies.

Vienna loved him for that. It loved him particularly that fall (1888) because he made an old Viennese slang word officially immortal. "Our government's policy," he said in a speech before Parliament, "can be best defined as 'fortwursteln.'"

Henceforward fortwursteln stood legitimized not only as a statesman's philosophy but as the eternal Austrian way of life. The genus loci so saturates the word that fortwursteln cannot be transported intact into other languages. Maybe its English sense could be rendered best (but still inadequately) by a mixture of three phrases: Keep improvising...keep slogging on...keep clowning..." pp. 158-159, A Nervous Splendor, Vienna 1888/1889, Frederic Morton, 1979. Look for future accounts of Great Austrians.

Thanks to Francois for providing a history for this game.

There is a proposal for an E-I-A draw. Votes, plus the Turkish and Italian retreats, plus Winter 1908 and Spring 1909 orders are due June 6.

1976-CJ Fall 1914

ENGLAND (Robert Acheson?) NMR; F Iri holds, F Spa(sc) holds, F Wes holds, F NAf holds, F Mid holds, A Ukr holds (dislodged, retreat Mos or OTB), A War holds, A StP holds, F Swe holds, F Nth holds.

GERMANY (Randolph Smyth) F Den holds, A Kie-Hol, A Bel-Hol, A Gal-Bud, A Vie S A Gal-Bud, A Boh S A Vie, A Sil-Gal, A Tyo-Ven, A Pie S A Tyo-Ven, A Mar holds.

ITALY (Tom Kissner) F Tyr S TURKISH F Lyo, F Tun S F Tyr, A Ven S TURKISH A Tri.

TURKEY (John Kelley) F Wes retreats to Lyo; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Tyr-Wes (NSO), F Adr S ITALIAN A Ven, A Sev-Ukr, A Rum S A Sev-Ukr, A Bud S A Rum, A Ser S A Bud, A Tri S A Bud, F Gre-Aeg, F Ion S ITALIAN F Tun.

SUPPLY CENTERS

ENGLAND (11): Home, Swe, Nwy, Por, StP, Bre, Mos, War, Spa - lost Tun; took Spa - even, but may build one or two depending upon Ukr's retreat.

GERMANY (9): Home, Den, Hol, Bel, Par, Mar, Vie - lost Spa - must remove one.

ITALY (4): Home plus Tun - took Tun - may build one.

TURKEY (10): Home, Bul, Ser, Tri, Rum, Sev, Gre, Bud - even, but may build one.

The proposed E-G-I-T draw failed, and someone has said that he would like to (deep breath)...

- "propose EGT draw"
- "propose ET draw"
- "propose GT draw"
- "propose concession to Italy"
- "propose ITG draw"
- "propose concession to Andy"
- "propose marriage"
- "propose toast to stalemated games"

Since all proposals must be accepted unanimously, that seventh one could get you all in a lot of trouble.

Please vote on any or all of these proposals. The sixth one is not a legit way to call the game quits if you so desire. Remember that a non-vote is a 'YES' (more or less) and that if more than one proposal succeeds, all countries in each of them will share the draw. Also, remember that the English standby (Dave Rue, 3101 S. Wabash, #705, Chicago, Illinois 60616) may not yet vote.

All those votes plus Autumn, Winter, and Spring 1915 (this is a pretty long game, isn't it?) are due June 6th.

1977-AN Fall 1909

AUSTRIA (Mike Carroll) A Tyo-Mun, A Ber S A Tyo-Mun, A StP holds, A Tri S TURKISH A Ven, A Gal S TURKISH A War-Sil.

ENGLAND (Eric Ozog) Retreat F Ber-Bal; F Iri-Mid, F Bre S F Iri-Mid, F Nth-Bel, A Hol S F Nth-Bel, A Sil-Ber (dislodged, retreat Boh or OTB), A Kie S A Sil-Ber, F Bal-Bot, F Fin-StP(sc), F Nwy S F Fin-StP(sc).

FRANCE (Ron Kelly) A Bel-Hol (dislodged, may retreat to Ruh, Bur, Pic, or OTB), F Spa(sc)-Mid, F Por S F Spa(sc)-Mid.

ITALY (Paul Rauterberg) F Alb-Adr, F Apu S F Alb-Adr, A Rom-Nap, F Tyr-Nap (dislodged, may retreat to Tus, Lyo, Wes, or OTB), A Pie-Mar.

TURKEY (Bob Normand) A Ven holds, F Ion-Tyr, F Tun S F Ion-Tyr, F Gre-Ion, F Aeg S F Gre-Ion, F Adr S F Gre-Ion (annihilated). A Ser-Gre, A Pru S AUSTRIAN A Ber, A War-Sil, A Mos S AUSTRIAN A StP.

SUPPLY CENTERS

AUSTRIA (6): Home, StP, Mun, Ber - took Ber - may build one.

ENGLAND (10): Home, Nwy, Swe, Den, Kie, Hol, Bre, Bel - lost Por, Ber; took Bel - may build one or two if Sil retreats OTB.

FRANCE (3): Par, Spa, Por - lost Bel; took Por - may build one if retreat of Bel is OTB.

ITALY (3): Nap, Rom, Mar - lost Ven, Tun - must remove two.

TURKEY (12): Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Sev, Mos, War, Ven, Tun - took Ven, Tun - may build three.

PRESS ANTIOCH: (T.P.) The Caliph today confirmed that a great naval battle has been won. "Carthage has fallen, no longer shall the murderous pirates infest the civilized world. Our enemies cannot have failed to notice the "crescent" which shall engulf them. Their day of doom approaches".

In a more conciliatory tone the Caliph went on to offer the important post of Court Chamberlain to the Pope if only he will end this senseless war. Local analysts were quick to discount the likelihood of the Pope accepting, as the post is always filled by a eunuch.

VALETTE, MALTA: (MP) Persistent reports are heard that the Turkish punitive expedition against Tunis was led by a young general named Belisarius. Rumor has it that Caliph has such great confidence in the young man that full control of the left wing has been placed in his hands.

VOICE OF ROME DEFIANT: We are disgusted with the leaders of France and England. Those fools continue to fight amongst themselves as if nothing else matters. Italy has given its lifeblood to stall the Eastern invaders, and has enjoyed some success in that role, but the Western powers have not taken advantage of our efforts. Now all is lost. The Western nit-wits can fiddle while Rome defiantly burns, but at least we can say we TRIED.

Congratulations to the Eastern powers. We will fight you to the last man, as a token of our contempt for all of you.

Retreats, Winter 1909, and Spring 1910 orders are due June 6th.

DESMODROMIC...known to its close friends as 1980-AR Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (Bob Osuch) A Vie-GAL, A Bud-SER, F Tri-ALB.
ENGLAND (Barry Hickey) F Lon-NTH, F Edi-NRG, A Lpl-EDI.
FRANCE (Don Tinker) F Bre-MID, A Par-BUR, A MAR S A Par-BUR.
GERMANY (Mike Conner) F Kie-DEN, A Ber-KIE, A MUN-Bur.
ITALY (Mike Mills) F Nap-ION, A Rom-APU, A VEN holds.
RUSSIA (Gordon Valgardson?) NMR; A MOS holds, A WAR holds, F STP(sc) holds,
F SEV holds.
TURKEY (James Woodson) A Con-BUL, F Ank-CON, A Smy-ANK.

PRESS THE ROME TRIBUNE: The feeble king has been exiled by the new Italian government, and the new gov't promises more sweeping changes. Last night, outside The Colisseum The Corporate State was innaugurated and Gen Federico DeSica assumed power. In his concluding remarks to the jubilant masses he said, "Together we will forge a new Empire -- a New Roman Empire -- which will insure the prosperity of life. Today we are at peace, while Europe's nations plot wars. We will be the peacemakers and will aid those nations unjustly attacked by ruthless adventurers."

DELCASSE: Fashoda is behind us, the Entente Cordiale is before us, let history repeat itself. (warmest wishes to my dear friend Mustafa.)

VIE TO MOS & CON: Hmmmm! I wonder?!

ROME: Gen DeSica's Minister of Justice has ordered the Pope's decapitation in St. Peter's Square for this Sunday. The order was given to prove that the New Roman Empire does not decide policy based on religion.

CONSTANTINOPLE: The Ministry of Postal Deliveries (MPD) announced today that, other than orders for taffy, the flow of foreign mail entering the country was very slow during the past month. MPD officials could offer no explanation for this.

VENIZA: The New Roman Empire announced today that Ambassadors have been sent to the governments in Berlin, Paris and Vienna.

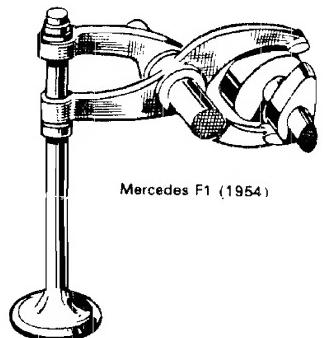
No, Desmodromic doesn't refer to a galaxie far far away, nor does it mean "bound racecourse", "tied running" or "three-legged race" as Mike C. guessed. However, "tied running" is close.

Desmodromic refers to an engine in which positive mechanical closing of the valves replaces springs. Allegedly this allows longer and higher valve lift, and puts less strain on the whole mess.

The most famous and successful desmodromics were Ducati motorcycles, but they were uneroxable so you get a Gran Prix Mercedes.

Will Eric Verheiden [200 S.Azusa Ave., #2,, Azusa, California 91702] please standby for Russia?

Fall 1901 orders are due June 6th.



CDO ELECTIONS

Elections will be held for CDO (Canadian Diplomacy Organization) Coordinator and for CDO Ombudsman between June 1, 1980 and September 1, 1980. Nominations to run for these offices will be accepted up until June 1st.

If you are Canadian, you may nominate any Canadian you wish for either or both positions, by sending the nominee a nomination with your signature and hobby status. If the person receiving the nomination chooses to run, he can countersign the nomination and mail it to John Leeder (121 19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N6). Nobody may run for more than one of the two positions, but may be nominated for both. I assume you may nominate yourself.

The candidates and voting procedures will be announced after the nominating deadline of June 1st.

The following CDO constitutional proposals have been formulated by Francois Cuerrier (the Acting President (Coordinator?) and Acting Ombudsman) and Randolph Smyth.

You may vote for or against these proposals by answering yes or no to the following questions, and mailing your votes to John Leeder by September 1, but please read the proposals first. The majority opinion of the votes received will win.

- 1) Do you agree that there should be any constitution at all?
- 2) Do you agree with the formula for allowing U.S. Americans in proposed by Randolph Smyth and Francois Cuerrier?

CDO'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALSPreamble:

Note that this "document" is not a matter of fact: they are Randolph Smyth's and my (Francois Cuerrier) proposals.

There are many sensible arguments in favour of a CDO Constitution. It will legitimize CDO, and may well be its best description ever. It is a good idea to assemble all dispersed bits of information in one clear paper. In addition, there have been past problems, such as officer dropouts; this outlines, for the first time, the procedures used in many cases to correct them. A CDO Constitution may be the occasion for a new wave of publicity for us.

But these proposals also are attempting to definitively tackle one particular issue: the role of U.S. residents. Should they be eligible for CDO office? Should they have complete franchise rights? Given the moderate volume of U.S. interest, we think a moderate representation is appropriate. Below is the formula we propose.

The authors have written these proposals with a few basic principles in mind: CDO traditional policies should be cleared up a little, and its traditional procedures re-affirmed. Yet we want the document to be highly flexible; for this reason, we haven't gone into individual office procedures, which vary according to the person in charge.

80.1. Admissibility and Eligibility:

Anyone subscribing to a Canadian Diplomacy zine is a CDO member. The Census attempts to mention all of them despite some inevitable minor shortcomings.

Non-Canadian residents may fill any CDO office except CDO Publisher, CDO Coordinator (President), and CDO Ombudsman. They may sit on the OAC (Ombudsman Advisory Committee) as long as they do not form more than 50% of all sitting members.

80.2. Offices and Functions:

- A) CDO Coordinator (ELECTIVE). His functions include:

- i. creating offices: he may create new offices at his whim, as long as they take nothing away from other officers.
- ii. select a date for elections at least once every other year.

- iii. coordinate CDO, including: giving help and advice to novice GMs and publishers when requested, coordinate CDO GMs when necessary, encourage overseas contacts, assume the responsibilities of departed subordinate offices until a replacement can be found, and generally perform all functions useful in coordinating the hobby.
- iv. remove officers for abuse of power, incompetence, or lack of interest.
- B) CDO Publisher. His functions include:
 - i. print THE NATIONAL 4 times a year at fairly regular intervals.
 - ii. encourage contributions to THE NATIONAL.
 - iii. answer questions on the CDO.
 - iv. replace the Coordinator if an emergency arises and if he drops out, until elections can be held.
- C) CDO Novice Directors: One director is in charge of Francophone novices, whereas the other deals with all others. Their functions include:
 - i. publish their respective Novice Packages (V'LA LE BON VENT and CEPHEIDS or their equivalent).
 - ii. introduce novices to CDO and the Canadian hobby.
- D) CDO Returning Officer: His function is compiling election and plebiscite results.
- E) CDO Census Officer: His functions include:
 - i. compiling the Census twice a year.
 - ii. sending the compilation (which must at least include a list of CDO members and addresses) to the CDO Publisher for publication in THE NATIONAL.
- F) CDO Orphaned Games Project: The Orphans Officer's functions include:
 - i. printing FAGIN when necessary.
 - ii. relocating Canadian orphaned games.

The following is completely independent of the CDO Coordinator:

- G) CDO Ombudsman (ELECTIVE). His functions include:
 - i. arbitrating disputes (among CDO officers, GMs and players) upon appeal from one of the involved parties.
 - ii. selecting OAC members after consultation with CDO publishers.
 - iii. summoning and presiding over the OAC.
 - iv. assuming other functions dealing with ethics.
- H) The OAC (Ombudsman Advisory Committee). The OAC may consist of any number of members (at the Ombudsman's discretion) as long as no more than 50% are non-Canadian residents. Its functions are:
 - i. interpreting the Constitution when necessary.
 - ii. making recommendations on any ethics issue.
 - iii. acting as final appeal to previous Ombudsman arbitrations.

The positions of CDO Coordinator, CDO Ombudsman, or CDO Returning Officer may never be combined in a single individual.

80.3 Election and Replacement Procedures:

- A) The CDO Coordinator calls for elections for both elective positions once every other year. This must be followed by a sufficient length of time in which nominations are submitted. Unless all candidates are acclaimed, this must be followed by an adequate length of time in which candidates may campaign and votes may be cast and compiled.
- B) A resigning officer may nominate his own replacement, with approval of the CDO Coordinator. By-elections are immediately called should the CDO Coordinator or the CDO Ombudsman resign or drop out. The CDO Publisher may not appoint a non-Canadian as his own replacement.
- C) Should an officer fail to nominate an acceptable replacement then the CDO Coordinator may appoint one. Clearly, he may not appoint a non-Canadian resident to the position of CDO Publisher and may not make appointments to the position of CDO Ombudsman. Finally, his choice for CDO Returning Officer must be approved by the CDO Ombudsman.
- D) An officer who doesn't show interest in his functions may be considered a dropout and the CDO Coordinator may appoint a replacement, subject to the above restrictions.
- E) Any CDO member may vote for or nominate a candidate for each elective position.

80.4. Amendments:

Amendments may be implemented following the approval by 66% of all voters in a plebiscite. The plebiscite must be preceded by a sufficient length of time in which the opposition may get a chance to be heard.

Comments:

Note that everything, except the idea of a Constitution (and of introducing U.S. citizens) respects the spirit of CDO. Not much is revolutionary: it only formalizes what was done informally in the past.

We believe non-Canadian residents should be allowed a greater part in the organization. After all, they are 40% of the Census! Besides, at least 3 American publishers have shown great interest. On the other hand, CDO is a Canadian organization so Coordinator, Publisher, and Ombudsman have been retained as "Canadian-only" jobs.

Officers should remember that the foundation of their "authority" (if any) lies in their cohesian, their credibility, and everyone's support. Petty feuding and ego-trips are no-nos: they are contrary to the very philosophy the organization was built on. There is no reason why CDO should be any different now: CDO has worked out OK in the past: the major reason may well be that no one was interested in "power".

The CDO Coordinator's power to remove an officer has never been used in the past, and hopefully never will; this particular officer should keep in mind that this truely is an extraordinary measure which should be used with caution.

Comments from anyone are invited: remember, these only are proposals.

Signed: Randolph Smyth & Francois Cuerrier

BATTLESHIP

ROUND 2 Francois' shots

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Andy's shots

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Andy's ship's status

Round	1	2
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AC	
B	1 hit
C	1 hit
D	
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S	

Francois' ship's status

Round	1	2
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AC	1 hit
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D	
S	
S	

Francois is obviously unaware that water rats are an endangered species. He has hit my cruiser, while denying me the pleasure of destroying him. We both still get 16 shots for round 3.

THE DREAM by Eric Ozog

They speak to you in riddles and all your senses are affected. Vivid colors, piercing sounds, and tepid smells accompany them. But they can be filled with terror, unleashing your deepest fears from the murky recesses of the mind. People have been known to die in their sleep from them, due to triggered heart attacks from unbearable stress, and great physical pain.

I talk of dreams. The great realm of the unconscious.

Chapter 1: Invasion!

The invaders seemed to originate from nowhere. Yet, they came.

They were a ragged people, on ragged horses, and they had ragged weapons, crude swords and bows. But they were many, and with the element of surprise, they unleashed destruction upon the unsuspecting populace. And they seized a small portion of the southwestern United States and called it their own.

The mass-media chattered endlessly about the invasion; they haven't seen a good war in a long time, and they loved every minute of it. Cyrus Vance, Secretary of State, was interviewed. He claimed that,

"There is a general attack upon United States soil. The Indians number around a million and a half. We are now deciding how to contain them."

As I floated above the land, I saw their well-ordered camps. American citizens were either driven out, or killed.

Later, I saw an electronic screen with luminous colors. Pinpoints of light marked the positions of the Indians and their camps. I watched the television, a man with a pointer showed the area of the country affected, and what stretches of interstate highways were closed down.

Since I was in a position of authority, I took a helicopter trip to the main Indian camp to try to reason with them. I had an armed escort with me.

Their enraged leader would not listen to me, a savage ruling a small strip of desolation. The Indian went into a trance-like state and stared into me, gathering his energy to a crest, his mind lashing out.

It hit me like the force of a wind and I staggered. The features of my face flushed with pain, burning with an invisible fire. My left eye melted in its socket and was gone.

Chapter 2: Power and Cruelty

I returned to my home.

I felt a gaping void where my eye should have been. A black patch covered the hole.

My mother entered the room. "Son! Where have you been?" She then cried out, seeing my face, "My God! What has happened to you?"

I snapped back at her saying, "My eye fell out, rolled around on the floor, and now it is lost." And I left.

I was riding on the open plains upon a horse, a loyal band of followers at my side. There was no indication to where we were going, or what end we would meet, and we rode for many days to the point of exhaustion.

A woman shared my horse with me, and she was weeping. In all those days of travelling she clung to me, and her weeping never ceased. In fact, most of my followers were crying out in sorrow and grief. Perhaps we were driven from our homes. I became tired of the journey, and I wanted to see normally again. It would soon become a dangerous urge.

The following dawn, my want to retrieve all of my sight became unbearable. An immense surge of power and obsession seized me, and I turned to the woman I loved, focusing all my mental anguish upon her.

She screamed out in pain, my thought reaching and groping into her skull.

I stole her eyesight, and she had mine. An ugly scar was where the left eye should have been, destroying her beauty. And she cried.

We continued on our way, my full sight restored.

After a short time, my followers and I arrived at a long sloping bridge which myself and a friend began to climb. We saw a spectacular view of the Indian nation and all its magnificence. And I was going to usurp it.

As I stared at one of the villages, the events of the morning finally caught up with me, then sorrow and guilt took over. Tears welled up inside. I thought of the atrocity I committed against her, how terrible it was, for we loved one another.

"What have I done?" I yelled outloud.

"Commander", said my friend, shaking me out of my skin, "John will be arriving with his battalion in a while. Shall we attack?"

I nodded.

Chapter 3: Fruitless Leadership, Torture and Death

I walked down to the Indian village, and entered a great tent. Their leader stared at me. "So you've returned. Had enough?"

"I'm here to unite our two peoples", I said evenly.

"Like you've done in the past?"

"You know I hate you!"

I knew the plan would be hopeless. Our few hundred could not possibly win against his thousands. An attack would be foolhardy.

He read my thoughts. "Unite? Liar!" He smiled. "Fool".

I drew out a short blade and attacked him. He didn't move away from my thrust, and the sword entered and I stabbed and stabbed again. His body was bloodied and filled with gore.

But he didn't die!

He retaliated, sending hatred and poison. I doubled over in pain from his thought. My own mind fought back valiantly, but I knew I was losing. The pain increased, wrenching the very fabric of my nerves apart.

"Why didn't you die?" I sobbed. My mind was failing.

"You know why" he laughed.

"You...", I barely managed my last words, "...are immortal!"

He exclaimed triumphantly, "I'll torture you and torture you and won't let you die!"

Images raced through my mind. I hoped that he would spare what was left of my people, though I knew he would not.

My mental ability was declining, and my original half-eyesight returned to me then, because the illusion of full sight wore out as my mind wore out. A sense of peace filled me. I knew that my woman's eyes returned to her, and she could see again, the way it should have been.

I had to escape him. I drew out a belt knife, and I summoned enough strength so he could not control my hand. I stabbed too high above my own heart.

"You missed!" he roared, while pressing a device against my ankle, and my very flesh began to boil. "Heh, heh, suicide?"

I was not going to be trapped in his eternal hell. A grim resolve gripped me and this time, the blade struck home, and I took my own life. The world as I knew it would be no more.

I escaped.

MISC

Eric certainly has complex dreams.

As a kid I had simple but horrible nightmares, in which horses (I hate horses) with big teeth and bloody gums chased me off a cliff into a pit of pink-eyed rattlesnakes (shudder). Fortunately I would wake up screaming before I hit bottom. Unfortunately, this would usually wake up my older brother, who would throw a lamp at me.

Hey, did you know that the containers for Comet Kitchen Cleanser and Kraft Grated Parmesan Cheese are remarkably alike? That's the last time I eat spaghetti in the dark!

Paul Wakefield has a new address. Box 188,,West Branch, IA 52358.

James Hamilton...27 Roundcroft,,Romiley,,Stockport,,Cheshire, England SK6 4LL... and David Hicks...5846 Hamilton Ave.,,Cincinnati, Ohio 45224...are new subscribers who've signed up for the next game (which is full, and starts as soon as another finishes). James is okay, because the mail takes less time from England than from parts of Canada (cheaper too).

Lest you forget, CHEESECAKE is free to players and standbys, and unavailable (except for traders, Gary Coughlan, Jerry Jones, and John Leeder) otherwise. Unfortunately, due to the expected increase in stamp prices next January, I will be forced to increase the subscription rate by 33%.

Speaking of John Leeder, he is conducting his annual poll of 'zines and GMs. Rate any North American 'zines you wish from 0 to 10 (10 being terrific, 0 being terrible) with no fractions. You choose the criterion for your rating.

Include what you are (player, pubber, etc.), and who you are, and mail your votes to John at 121 19th Ave. NE,,Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N9, by June 30th. You may rate any GMs under who you have played, in a similar manner.

This issue's title is in Ondine typeface, and was contributed by Mike Conner. Thanks Mike, you've earned my ondine gratitude.

Dave Weatherhead wants to try a game of Battleship, but needs an opponent. Anyone interested?

Two people have asked to join Bob Kluge's variant described in issue #11. Anyone else?

Two other people have submitted entries in the Diplomacy Commemorative Stamp Design Competition. Why haven't you?

JOKES - Q: How many Polocks does it take to change a light bulb?

A: 4. 1 to hold the light bulb and 3 to turn the ladder.

Q: How many Americans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: 5. 1 to change the light bulb and 4 to file the environmental impact statement.

Q: How many New Yorkers does it take to change a light bulb?

A: 2. 1 to mix the martinis and 1 to call the electrician.

Q: How many Californians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: 4. 1 to change the bulb and 3 to share in the experience.

A German, a Russian, and a Polock were standing in front of a firing squad about to be executed. All of a sudden the German shouted "Hurricane!", the firing squad dived to the ground, and the German ran away.

The firing squad got up and dusted themselves off, and the Russian thought, "Hey, that's a good idea" and shouted "Tornado!" The firing squad dived to the ground and

the Russian ran away.

As the firing squad re-aimed their rifles, the Polock thought, "Hey, I can do that too" and he shouted "Fire!"

Q: What did the Pope say when asked his opinion about the abortion bill?

A: "Pay it!"

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433 W.VanBuren,,Chicago, Illinois 60606.

ANOTHER STANDBY POLICY CHANGE

In the past I've used the first standby on the list who has never been associated with a particular game. If someone was asked to standby and didn't get that position, he was ineligible for that game in the future.

From now on, anyone asked to submit orders which are not used will still be eligible for that same country in the future, and will in fact get top priority. Of course, he may be disqualified by then because of changes in geographic distribution of the players, or the number of games he is in.

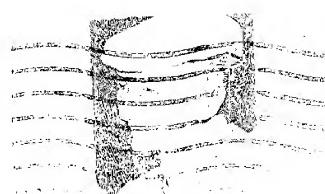
Such standbys will still be eligible for other games, under the normal rotation. This policy is not retroactive, and will not cover standby positions called prior to this issue.

This change increases the possibility that any communications between the standby and other players will not be wasted when he doesn't get the position initially, as he may get it in the future. Also, it may decrease the disruption caused when another standby comes into the game cold.

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